Sagiura

Overview

The harbor town of Sagiura, just east of Hinomisaki, flourished as a copper mining town, and as an important stop for large wooden trading ships, called *kitamaebune*, that sailed up and down the Sea of Japan during the Edo period (1603–1867). Today, traces of the town's former affluence remain in its atmospheric streets and merchant lodges where sailors and traders once stayed while their ships were in port. Visitors are sure to enjoy a stroll through this historic town with its red-tiled roofs. With numerous caves, islets, and fascinating rock formations nearby, a boat ride along the shore is also a fun excursion.